

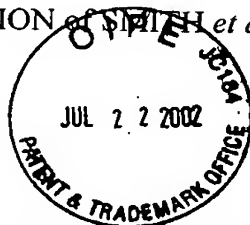
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of SMITH et al.

Appln. No.: 10/098,613

Filed: March 18, 2002

For: MELT-PROCESSIBLE POLY(TETRAFLUOROETHYLENE)



Group Art Unit: 1713

Examiner: tbd

July 22, 2002

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application in the manner set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

6. (Amended) The polymer according to claim 1, wherein said polymer has two or more of said parameters (a)-(d).

7. (Amended) The polymer according to claim 1, wherein said polymer has three or more of said parameters (a)-(d).

9. (Amended) The polymer according to claim 1, wherein said polymer has a melt flow index (372°C; 10kg) of at least 0.6 g/10min.

10. (Amended) The polymer according to claim 1, wherein said polymer has a strain at break at (25°C; 100/min) of at least 400%.